



Hermosa Beach City Manager's Office
City Council Meeting Recap
07.23.19

A brief recap of important items discussed during the July 23, 2019 City Council meeting is provided below:

July 23, 2019 ([Meeting Agenda](#))

City Manager Updates:

City Manager Suja Lowenthal provided updates on the following items:

- **West Coast Basin Barrier Project Replacement Injection Wells** – Los Angeles County Public Works is scheduled to replace three corroded / clogged injection wells from August 2021 to January 2022 located on the Greenbelt near Valley Drive at 28th Street (well 6K1), south of Gould Avenue (well 6L1) and just north of 24th Place (well 7B1). The wells are part of a regional seawater intrusion barrier system in place since the 1950's that protect and recharge groundwater aquifers which supply 15% of Hermosa Beach's drinking water. Los Angeles County will fully fund the \$17.6 million project cost which also includes replacement or installation of nine injection / observation wells in Manhattan Beach. County staff will coordinate with the City on planning, design, construction and outreach to residents, including at least one community meeting.



NOTE: Council later approved this project as noted in the bullet item below.

- **Public Works Director Update** – six candidates have been selected for interviews over the next two weeks from the initial pool of 74 applicants--it is anticipated the new Public Works Director should be onboard by early September 2019.
- **8th Street Sidewalk Improvement Project** – construction has kept up with the schedule published on the City's [website](#); contractor Gentry Engineering will be working on the Sunset Drive to Manhattan Avenue segment over the next two weeks. Street sweeping has been suspended in the area and temporary parking permits are being issued to affected residents; feedback has generally been positive.
- **29th Street / Morningside Drive Private Sewer Overflow** – residents have contracted to repair a sewer lateral broken in two places with additional repairs to take place over the next few days.



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- **Summer Series Update - Music+Comedy+Community - August 17-18 & 24-25** – Parking Lot A (1100 Hermosa Avenue) will be the site of the South Bay Craft Beer Experience, which will provide activities for attendees ages 21 and over. This area will open at 11 a.m. each day and will include craft beer tastings, with full glass servings to begin at a later time (to be announced soon), food provided by a local restaurant, and a lounge area. Food trucks will also be available. This enhanced area as well as the beach will be monitored by an experienced professional concert/event security team in addition to the coordinated services of the Hermosa Beach Police Department and Los Angeles County Fire Department. The Hermosa Beach Police Department has beach-capable vehicles that can be utilized in the event of an emergency. Set times for the Summer Series and additional programming will be announced two weeks prior to the first weekend of events. Information about the Summer Series will be updated on the city's website as it becomes available at: www.hermosabch.org/hbsummerseries.

Consent Calendar Items:

- **Lighthouse Café 70th Anniversary Event Donations** – the City accepted with appreciation donations from Athens Services (\$5,000), Culinary Craft, Inc. (\$333.33), 52 Pier Restaurant, Inc. (\$333.33) and IL Boccaccio, Inc. (\$333.33), for the Lighthouse Café's 70th Anniversary event held on June 26, 2019.
- **Greenwich Village North Underground Utilities Assessment District** – Council adopted a resolution of intention to establish an Assessment District to finance the undergrounding of overhead utility lines and poles on Hermosa Avenue from 27th to 34th Street. A preliminary engineering report will be prepared along with cost estimates to be considered by District property owners via an assessment ballot. Council will hold a public hearing at a future date to establish the District based on ballot results and public testimony.

Public Hearing: California Great Santa Run Special Event and Fee Waiver Request – Council approved the "California Great Santa Run" fundraiser event to benefit children and adults with developmental disabilities to be held on the beach and Strand north of the Pier on December 14, 2019; and granted applicant Mychal's Learning Place a 50% fee waiver in the amount of \$1,083 as recommended by staff and the Parks, Recreation and Community Resources Advisory Commission.

Proposition A Local Return Fund Exchange Agreement with the City of West Hollywood – Council approved an assignment agreement to exchange \$1 million of the City's Proposition A funds, restricted for transit project use only, for \$700,000 in unrestricted funding from the City of West Hollywood. The unrestricted funds will be used to hire a new Assistant Engineer in the Public Works Department. The City receives just over \$400,000 per year in Prop A funds which must be returned to LA Metro if unused within three years. The City expects to have a Prop A fund balance of \$350,000 at the end of fiscal year 2019-20 after the exchange and completion of transit projects including bus shelter/bench installations and a traffic study of the Greenwich Village/Hermosa Avenue intersection.



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Consideration of Zoning Code Amendment for M-1 Zone – Council directed the Planning Commission to study amending the M-1 Light Manufacturing Zone and permitting process to allow Cypress District (roughly Cypress Avenue from South Park to 8th Street – M-1 parcels marked in light blue at right – click thumbnail to see the full [City zoning map](#)) businesses to host openings or events with limited retail sales.

West Coast Basin Barrier Project Replacement Injection Wells – Council approved Los Angeles County Public Works to proceed with construction and replacement of three injection wells located on the Greenbelt along Valley Drive at 28th Street, south of Gould Avenue and north of 24th Place estimated to occur between August 2021 and January 2022. Additional details are noted in the City Manager Updates bullet above; a project map and presentation provided by Los Angeles County Public Works are available on the City's [website](#).



Sewer Improvements Construction Contract (CIP 17-416) – Council awarded MNR Construction, Inc. a construction contract in the amount of \$1,747,575 for sewer improvements including 1,800 linear feet of sewer main replacements, 7,300 linear feet of sewer main lining and rehabilitation of approximately 60 maintenance holes. A 15% project contingency in the amount of \$262,136 was also approved for construction, management and inspection services. Construction is expected to commence in September and last for approximately 180 working days. Project information will be available on the City's website; affected residents will be notified of the construction schedule and any water/sewer interruptions, which will be minimized.

Miscellaneous Items:

- **South Bay Cities Sanitation District Board of Directors Alternate Appointment** – Council appointed Councilmember Duclos to serve as an alternate on the South Bay Cities Sanitation District Board of Directors. Per California Health and Safety Code, Mayor Armato cannot be replaced as Board delegate until the next mayoral rotation.
- **Independent Cities Association Summer Seminar** – Mayor Armato and Councilmember Duclos reported on their attendance at ICA's summer seminar held in Carlsbad from July 12-14, 2019. Council agreed to consider rejoining ICA on a future agenda item.
- **Infiltration Subcommittee** – Mayor Armato advised the Infiltration Subcommittee recently met with Redondo Beach Mayor Bill Brand and would be circling back on next steps on the Herondo Drain Infiltration Project. The City of Redondo Beach has demanded a return of \$431,615.05 in infiltration project funding including \$123,190.74 already spent.



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THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2019 (NO MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2019).

Questions or comments? Contact the Assistant to the City Manager Nico De Anda-Scaia Monday through Thursday, 7AM – 6PM at (310) 318-0201 or via email at ndeanda@hermosabch.org

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